



Dear Homeowner,

If you are 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled, the Stark County Auditor's Office can reduce your property taxes through the Homestead Exemption Program. Please read this brochure and contact us about an application.

If you need additional information or have questions, please feel free to contact my office, we are here to assist you.

Sincerely,

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Homestead Exemption



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Homeowners age 65 and older, the surviving spouse of a previously qualified person who is at least 59 years of age, and homeowners who are “totally and permanently disabled” as of January 1st of the year for which the application is filed. Effective January 1, 2014 all first-time applicants will have to meet an additional qualification of **no more than a \$30,500 reported household income.**

What types of properties are eligible for the Homestead Exemption?

Single family homes, mobile/manufactured homes, condominiums, and certain other specialized ownership types occupied as the principal residence of the owner.

Who is considered a homeowner?

In general, a person whose name appears on the deed, a purchaser under a land contract, a person with a life estate, or a person who is a trustee or a settlor of a trust. Homeowners must own and occupy their residence by January 1st of the year for which the application is filed.

How do I apply for the Homestead Exemption?

You need to file a “Homestead Exemption Application” (Form #DTE105A) available from the Stark County Auditor’s Office or on the web at www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor listed under “Applications and Forms”.

Will I lose other discounts that I am currently receiving?

No. The Homestead Exemption is a separate discount that will show on your tax bill.

The Homestead Exemption eligibility rules are changing.

Legislature has changed the Homestead exemption eligibility rules, which will take affect for tax year 2014 (payable in 2015). The exemption will only be available to those otherwise eligible with household income that do not exceed \$30,500.

****Due to these changes, the Department of Taxation is grandfathering 2013 applicants. Homestead recipients who are currently on the program, as well as those who would qualify for tax year 2013, will continue to receive the exemption regardless of their income, and even if they move to a different home in Ohio. To be on the grandfathered list, taxpayers must either be on the Homestead Exemption as of this year (2013) or file a “late application” by June 2, 2014****

The Stark County Auditor’s Office will continue to accept 2013 applications until June 2, 2014, which is the Department of Taxation’s late filing deadline. Applicants filing for the 2014 tax year will be subject to the 2014 \$30,500 income cap.

How much will my taxes be reduced by the Homestead Exemption?

The exemption is based upon a reduction of \$25,000 in the “market value” appraisal of the home. Depending upon tax rate in your district, the reduction would normally result in a savings of \$300 to \$500 per year (\$150 to \$250 per half) in Stark County.

How will I know if my application has been approved?

For current year applications, you will receive a letter of approval or a letter of denial by October 1st of the year in which your application is filed. If your application is denied, you can appeal the decision to the Board of Revision. A form may be obtained on our website at www.starkcountyohio.gov/auditor under “Applications and Forms”.

How do I show proof of my disability?

The date of the onset of the disability must be as of January 1st of the year for which the application is filed. See DTE form 105 E for additional qualifying information.

When will I see the reductions on my tax bill?

For approved applications filed prior to the 1st Monday of June, the reduction will appear on your first half tax bill for the following year.

Do I have to file a new application every year?

Once you have qualified for the exemption, you will receive a continuing form from the County Auditor every year. **You will only need to return that form if there is a change in the owner’s eligibility status or in ownership of the property.**

QUESTIONS?

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